

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC

In the Matter of

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| Amendment of Part 97 of the |) | |
| Commission's Rules Governing |) | |
| The Amateur Radio Services |) | WT Docket No. 04-140 |
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To: The Commission

COMMENTS of Dale Gagnon, KW1I

I support the ARRL's proposal (Petition for Rulemaking, RM-10413) to dissolve the Novice and Technician Plus Class telegraphy subbands so that additional spectrum can be authorized for phone communications. The appropriate specific recommendation for 80 meters should be to reallocate the entire Novice telegraphy subband for phone use.

I have been licensed since 1963. Much of this time has been spent on 75 / 80 meters. I agree with many other commenters that the subband for telegraphy on this band is too large for the number of users and the subbands for phone are frequently over crowded. Reallocating the entire Novice telegraphy subband for phone use would be a start in the right direction to address this imbalance.

Respectfully submitted,

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